



Cherry Tree Chatter

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Upcoming Events at CTE

January 12th

Late Start

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Wellness Wednesday

January 15th-21st

Winter Family Fun Week

January 17th

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No Classes

January 24th

PTO General Board Meeting, 10:45 a.m.

Meeting will be held virtually - Zoom link available in January!

January 26th

Late Start

Important Car Pool Information!



With the arrival of January and the potential for winter weather, we want to remind all families of our car rider procedures, as well as to update you on a new city ordinance that is in place that may impact your neighborhood. Car rider line starts each morning at 7:15 a.m. with the tardy bell ringing at 7:45 a.m. Ideally, we would welcome students into the building by 7:40 a.m. to allow them to be in class for a 7:45 a.m. start. The end of the day dismissal begins at 2:25 p.m. daily.

One new piece of information is a city ordinance that recently passed regarding side street parking in neighborhoods near schools. Using neighborhood streets as a drop off alternative near school property is now restricted. This can cause traffic congestion and the potential for unsafe traffic movement around children where there is no additional supervision off school property. If you are using a car to bring children to school or pick up students from school, please follow the procedures to bring them in/pick up on school property in the lot to the east of the school/facing Hazel Dell Pkwy.

We do our best each day to keep the line moving in an efficient way. You can help by having students ready to exit the car upon arrival, pulling all the way down in the morning to allow more cars to drop off and by having all students exit the passenger side of the car for safety. Thank you for your partnership in helping us welcome and safely deliver home 700+ students each day.



*****One bus reminder, due to reduced bus routes and seats, students are not allowed to ride the bus home with a friend. It is recommended if students are getting together after school that they be picked up in the car rider line or dropped off directly at their friend's house by a parent/guardian.**

Mask Reminder



Please send your child(ren) to school with a mask and if you can, pack one or two extra in their backpack(s). We do have extras available in the office but our supply is dwindling. Thank you for your help with this!

Chromebooks



Please remember to charge your Chromebooks every night! They are a very important part of our daily routine and need to be charged and ready to go at the beginning of each day.

Attendance



Just a reminder to please call us and let us know if your child will be absent or arriving late to school. Call 846-3086 and press **1** for attendance.

Covid Related Illnesses

When reporting a Covid related illness please email our school nurse at apertile@ccs.k12.in.us and leave a message on our attendance line. Please make sure to include a **return to school date** in both messages.

****Return to school dates must be based on the new district guidelines.****

Lost and Found








Lost and Found Open House!

Looking for something? Lost and Found items will be on display Wednesday, January 12th - Friday January 14th OUTSIDE the front of the building 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Come find that lost water bottle, hat, coat, sweatshirt or jacket! **Items not picked up by January 31st will be donated.**

Masks will continue to be on display in the cafeteria until Friday, January 15th. Masks not claimed by this date will be donated.

*Weather pending. Announcements and updates will be posted on the CTE PTO Facebook page.

*****It's always a great idea to label any items brought from home so we can help locate the owners when they go missing.***

<p>Parking Reminder</p> 	<p>With the cold weather our carpool line is getting longer everyday. Please remember that if you are visiting the school or picking up your child early, we need to keep the front parking lot and our bus parking lot clear. You are free to park in the staff lot (north side of building).</p>
<p>Bikers and Walkers</p> 	<p>Please remember that students that walk or ride their bikes to school will not be able to enter the building until 7:35. With the colder, darker mornings we want to make sure that children are not standing outside for long periods of time.</p> <p><i>Thanks so much for helping keep our CTE kids safe!</i></p>
<p>-New- PTO General Membership Meeting</p> 	<p>The next Cherry Tree PTO General Membership meeting (open to all CTE parents/guardians as you are ALL members of the PTO!) is Monday, January 24th at 10:45 a.m. via Zoom. The link to join the meeting virtually will be available the week before the meeting. It will be a great meeting - we welcome our CTE Instructional Interventionist/Coach, Jennifer Conley, to discuss the great new curriculum being taught at CTE this year.</p> <p>Additionally, we will be voting on an update to our Bylaws that allows the PTO to approve the budget in the spring instead of waiting until the fall of the current year. An overview and proposed change can be found here.</p>
<p>-New- PTO Leadership Opportunities for 2022-2023 School Year</p> 	<p>Each year, the CTE PTO utilizes more than 50 parents/guardians to fill its Executive Board, General Board and other leadership positions. Without volunteers, the amazing offerings at CTE are just not possible. Please consider supporting the CTE PTO and our CTE Teachers & Staff by learning more about the positions and telling us which ones you'd like to learn more about.</p> <p>https://forms.gle/CaMd2kbA79bGvDA3A</p> <p>The Nominating Committee begins its work in February and you may be contacted if we have any additional questions for you. In the meantime, you may contact the PTO at cherrytreeppto@gmail.com if you have any questions/comments.</p>
<p>-New- 2nd Semester Volunteer Opportunities</p> 	<p>The PTO needs your time and talent for 2nd semester events and activities! Please complete this form to show your interest and the corresponding committee will contact you with details.</p> <p>https://forms.gle/wch8TrDH6cCTBoaT9</p> <p>This is a great way to engage with students and show your support to our teachers. Don't forget - a satisfactory criminal history check is required to volunteer.</p>

**-New-
Winter Family Fun
Week
Scavenger Hunt**



This year, the Winter Family Fun Night will turn into a week-long Community Front yard Scavenger Hunt! We hope this will allow you to spend quality time with your family and neighbors, having fun and getting creative!

The Scavenger Hunt will take place the week Family Fun Night was originally scheduled, January 15th-21st. Your child will bring home a large sheet of paper and directions on Friday, January 14th.

**The CTE Science and
Engineering Fair!**



Save the date! The Cherry Tree Science and Engineering Fair is ready to make its return after a two year break! **This year's fair will be February 16th and 17th.**

The 2022 science fair registration form is now live at <http://bit.ly/ctesciencefair>

The K-2 and 3-5 information packets (PDF) are linked on the online registration form. Check these out for answers to all your science fair questions. The direct links to download the information packets are <https://bit.ly/sciencek2> and <https://bit.ly/science35>



If you have any additional questions, please email Mr. Hegnauer at jhegnaue@ccs.k12.in.us

**Holiday Lights
Recycling!**



We all have those strands of lights that burn out on our trees and decorations every year. Please consider donating them to the **Carmel Clay Schools Holiday Lights Recycling Drive.**

Lights will be collected in the front office until **January 6th!**

POPs



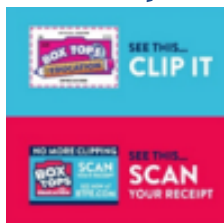
POPS = Parents of Proud Students

POPS is always looking to add more male figures to our roster. There are fun upcoming events to help with and get together to be part of.

Join us on GroupMe (https://groupme.com/join_group/70805123/32a43VnY) and/or email David Glenn at dglenniu@gmail.com

Yearbook Orders!

Order your yearbook from Lifetouch today! Simply go to www.ybpay.com and enter code 14483122 to make your selections. Order deadline is March 25, 2022.

Box Tops

Box Tops are a simple way to support Cherry Tree! Just download the Box Tops for Education App and scan your grocery receipts after you shop! Box Tops donates \$0.10 for each participating product you buy and there are always new bonus box tops opportunities! Having trouble remembering to scan your receipts? Set a customized scan reminder through the app that fits your shopping schedule!

Treasurer's Report

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